## ABSTRACT

This invention provides a method and apparatus to eliminate the theft of various types of
electronic equipment through the use of an existing telephonic connection. The method includes
steps of determining an apparent theft, contacting a local police or security authority and
providing a means of discovering the location of the stolen equipment. The method further
allows the apparatus to eliminate the need for excessive hardware components by utilizing preexisting infrastructure. In utilizing pre-existing infrastructure, the invention allows operation in a
plurality of locations through its stand-alone capabilities and location identification capabilities.

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